

HAPPENINGS IN IRELAND.

THE NATIONAL CONVENTION.—Mr. John Redmond, M.P., was the principal speaker at a Nationalist demonstration held on Sunday at Waterford, where he made the important announcement that the date of the National Convention has been fixed for June 12, remarks the "Irish Weekly." At this meeting, where the sundry Nationalist forces met together, a letter was read from Mr. T. M. Healy referring to Mr. Redmond, as Chairman of the reunited Party, all the support and co-operation in his power. Mr. Dillon, speaking simultaneously in Bandon, attached the greatest importance to the reunion in the ranks of the Parliamentary Party as a step which has taken away from our country an element of dissension which has kept the people divided, helpless, and almost hopeless. These declarations speak of the healing efforts of the reconciliation that is abroad, and present a refreshing contrast to the bitterness and the personalities unfortunately attached to every chapter of Irish history, which every Nationalist is rejoiced to see closed. Mr. Redmond and Mr. Dillon both look with confidence to the Convention in June, in which the forces of the people will be marshalled, and for the realization of these hopes it is essential that the delegates thereto be thoroughly representative of the clergy and people of Ireland. The conference will, of course, be genuinely National and fairly elected. After deliberating upon every phase of Irish politics, the Convention will put its seal upon the programme of the Party and the National organization, which is necessary to the efficiency of the Party and indispensable as a second line of defence to afford to the men battling for Ireland's rights resources of strength in difficult times.

AGAINST COLLECTIONS.—The Lord Bishop of Limerick has addressed to the Countess of Dunraven, who requested, on behalf of the Limerick Branch of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Families' Fund Association, the Episcopal permission to institute collections in the Catholic churches of the diocese in aid of the funds of the Association. The Most Rev. Dr. O'Dwyer's letter, although brief, is yet expressive and to the point. "I regret to have to state," writes His Lordship, "that the burden which the Catholic people of this diocese have to bear for religious and charitable institutions is so heavy in proportion to their means, they being for the most part mere tenant farmers, while the owners of the land contribute nothing for such local purposes as I have mentioned, that I really do not think it would be reasonable to impose a collection on them for the Soldiers' and Sailors' Families' Fund."

MR. REDMOND HONORED.—On Monday, April 23, in the Theatre Royal, Waterford, Mr. J. E. Redmond, M.P., was presented with a loving cup from Waterford men and women at present residing in New York. The building was crowded in every available part. Mr. J. A. Power, City High Sheriff, presided, and the attendance included Messrs. T. J. Condon, M.P., and P. J. Power, M.P. The loving cup was accompanied by an address, which concluded with the hope that the motto of Waterford would never be sullied by treason to Ireland, and that the birthplace of Ireland's heroic son, Thomas Francis Meagher, might ever retain her proud title of "urbis inacta."

The presentation having been made, Mr. Redmond, who was received with loud cheers, replied. He said the life of an Irish Nationalist politician was full of trouble and disappointments and heartburnings. The man who entered on the work of Irish Nationalist politics must make up his mind that, to a large extent, he leaves behind him personal peace and quiet and all hopes of advancement of worldly affairs. True, in other countries politics meant a channel through which men arrived at distinction and emoluments, but in Ireland politics meant for those who took the side of the defenders of their country nothing but disappointment and heartburnings. But there were occasions when men felt, as he did that night, that there were compensations which made up for all else; for all the labor and sacrifice they had made. It was easy for men to work for personal advancement or for political promotion, but

after all, the highest reward that men could look for, or could expect, was the expression of the confidence and the goodwill of the people. He confessed to them that night that this was one of the occasions that brought in upon his mind the reflections that, although Irish Nationalist politicians had to sacrifice much in one sense or in another, they received the highest recompense that men could hope for in the goodwill, confidence, and affection of their fellow-countrymen. He had been twenty years in Irish public life, and during these years he knew how little he had been able to do for the welfare of his fellow-countrymen, and yet what did he find? Notwithstanding how little he had been able to do, because the people recognized that he had been honestly animated by a desire that the country should arrive at a condition of prosperity and dignity, it was the wish of his American friends that this presentation should be made on Irish soil, where the people had earned for themselves the title of being the most steadfast, friends of Irish liberty. He knew every man and woman who had signed that address. He had met them every time he landed on the shores of America. All were the names of ladies and gentlemen who had earned the respect of their American fellow-citizens by their upright lives, adherence to honor and principle, their love for America, and their devotion to Ireland.

BELFAST'S GREAT HOSPITAL.—The formal opening of the great Catholic Hospital—the Mater Infirmorum—which was held a week ago, was an event that awakened the greatest enthusiasm in the leading city of the North. An exchange, in referring to the ceremony, says: "Class and creed, sectionalism, and indeed every other 'ism,' were forgotten in the tribute paid to the energy of the Sisters of Mercy and those who had assisted them to see their noble idea crowned with success. Prince, peer, and peasant were represented, and mingled in mutual congratulations on the magnificent monument to the cause of charity that had been raised in their midst, and that will minister to the wants of human suffering long after their own are no more. The scene, from every point of view, was most striking. His Eminence Cardinal Logue, who presided at the formal opening, made a few remarks in his own peculiarly felicitous way, and the Lord Mayor (Mr. R. J. McConnell) then performed the opening ceremony. His Lordship said that the hospital was a valuable addition to those already in existence, and that the relief of suffering was recognized as a paramount duty not only of all religious people, but of all good citizens, and as the principal citizen of this great city his remarks bear weight. The subsequent speaker, the Marquis of Dufferin and Ava, an Irishman, who has distinguished himself in almost all quarters of the world, contributed in great degree to the success of the opening.

A STRANGE CASE.—Belfast papers report an inquest on a body that was buried eighteen years ago. Buried, however, is hardly the word. When some workmen were digging the soil in the vicinity of a graveyard near Cookstown, they came upon human bones about fifteen inches from the surface. At first they took the skeleton to be that of some one buried in the graveyard, but a little investigation showed that there had been no coffin, and that the grave was a hole about three feet long, into which the body had been tossed. Further examination disclosed suspicious markings on the skull. The doctor says the bones are those of a man of sixty, and five feet eight inches in height, and that they have not been longer than twenty years in the ground. A thick, white coat, like that of a soldier or servant of some sort was around the skeleton; also the "sleeved waistcoat." The people of the district recall that eighteen years ago a small farmer, who used to wear such a coat mysteriously disappeared. His only surviving son soon afterwards disposed of the man's farm, and went to America. Search in bog-holes and other places where a body might be hid proved fruitless; even the floor of the dwellinghouse was raised. The police are now asking themselves if they have come on a clue at last, and the inquest on the body stands adjourned for nine days.

NOTES FROM ROME.

Continued from Page One. be of an especially brilliant character. On May 27th, and June 3rd, there will be further solemn ceremonies in connection with the beatification of a number of missionaries martyred in China, Tongking, and elsewhere, and of other servants of the Church.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL CONGRESS.—The inauguration of the second Archaeological Congress took place recently at the Apollinare College, under the presidency of His Eminence Cardinal Parocchi, Cardinal Vice-Chancellor of Holy Church, who welcomed the congress in the name of the Pope. The Abbe Duchesne, president of the French Archaeological Society in Rome, was elected general president, and Professor Marucchi, the well known Roman archaeologist, as the general secretary. Their Eminences Cardinal Vanutelli, Casale del Diago, Sottili, Segna, Cretoni, Gasca, Ferrara, Gotti, Mathieu, Aloisi-Masclai and Vives y Tuto were present at the inaugural ceremony, also a large gathering of ecclesiastical, diplomatic, and social celebrities and learned archaeologists from all parts of the world. In reply to the telegram sent by the members of the Archaeological Congress to

His Holiness, the Pope conveyed a cordial salutation to the learned gathering through means of the Cardinal Secretary of State, Cardinal Rampolla.

AN IMPOSING CEREMONY.—The largest and the most distinguished gathering of the English colony that has assembled in Rome for some time took place on the occasion of the solemn "Te Deum" for the escape of the Prince of Wales at the Church of San Silvestro in Capite on April 19. According to the correspondent of the London "Universe," the ceremony was announced for 5 p.m., but long before that hour the church for English-speaking Catholics was crowded to its utmost limits. The Most Rev. Archbishop Stonor, Archbishop of Trebizond, officiated, and intoned the "Te Deum," assisted by the Very Rev. Monsignor John Vaughan, and Monsignor Claud Lindsay. The music was ably rendered by the well-trained voices of the Pallatine students, and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, given by His Grace, Archbishop Stonor, brought the imposing ceremony to a close. His Excellency Lord Currie, British Ambassador to Rome, accompanied by Lady Currie, was present in the place of honor, also the secretaries and military and naval attaches of the Embassy. The German, Austrian, Russian, and Japanese Ambassadors were likewise present, to-

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gether with many other important members of the diplomatic corps and distinguished representatives of the Roman and English nobility. Lord Currie, having conveyed to the Prince of Wales the account of this "Te Deum," His Royal Highness was much gratified, and desired his thanks to be expressed to the Most Rev. Archbishop Stonor and all connected with the ceremony, also his recognition of this mark of personal esteem and loyalty shown by the British colony in Rome.

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